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28. A method of recording Internet activity performed by a user on behalf of a client of the user, comprising:

initiating, by the user, a client session by providing, at least one of a user identifier and a client matter identifier;

during said client session, performing at least one respective Internet activity by the user on behalf of the client;

for at least one of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective time value based at least in part on at least one of a start time defined by when the user begins performance of the respective at least one Internet activity, and a completion time defined by when the user completes performance of the respective at least one Internet activity;

for each of the at least one performed Internet activity, automatically generating a respective activity record corresponding to the respective Internet activity performed by the user;

storing a session record comprising activity data based at least in part on each generated time value, each generated activity record, and the at least one of a user identifier and a client matter identifier;

generating at least one of a bill and a report based at least in part on said session record; and

forwarding, to the client, the at least one of a bill and a report;

wherein the user identifier and a the client matter identifier correspond to the client, and the at least one Internet activity comprises a request for data from a publicly available Internet location.

29. The method of claim 28, wherein the user performs a plurality of Internet activities, and the plurality of Internet activities comprises a request for data from a publicly available Internet location, and at least one of data entry of a network address, data entry of a URL, data entry of at least one search term, data entry of at least one data instance, selection of a hyperlink, a data transfer, and an input device event.

30. The method of claim 28, wherein
the at least one of the user identifier and the client matter identifier is both the user identifier and the client matter identifier, and
storing a session record comprises activity data based at least in part on each generated time value, each generated activity record, the user identifier and the client matter identifier.

31. The method of claim 28, wherein automatically generating a respective time value is based on both the start time defined by when the user begins performance of the respective at least one Internet activity and the completion time defined by when the user completes performance of the respective at least one Internet activity.

32. The method of claim 28, wherein generating at least one of the bill and the report is based at least in part on said session record, categorized by at least one of the client matter identifier and the user identifier.

33. The method of claim 28, wherein the bill is generated automatically.

34. The method of claim 29, wherein the activity record includes information identifying at least one of network addresses accessed by the user, times of URL entries made by the user, a list of search terms entered by the user, captures of data instances accessed by the user, selections of hyperlinks by the user, data transfers made by the user, and input device events performed by the user.

35. The method of claim 28, wherein the user performs a plurality of Internet activities, and the plurality of Internet activities comprises data entry of a URL, selection of a hyperlink, and an input device event.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the activity record includes information identifying at least one of times of URL entries made by the user, selections of hyperlinks by the user, and input device events performed by the user.

37. The method of claim 28, wherein the client session is initiated on a computer that is connected directly to the Internet.

38. The method of claim 28, wherein the one respective Internet activity is not restricted to activity with a particular content provider.